

## [MC-NBFX]:

# .NET Binary Format: XML Data Structure

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# 1 Introduction

This specification defines the .NET Binary Format: XML Data Structure, which is a binary format that can represent many **XML** documents, as specified in [\[XML1.0\]](#).

This purpose of the format is to reduce the processing costs associated with XML documents by encoding an XML document in fewer bytes than the same document encoded in **UTF-8**, as specified in [\[RFC2279\]](#).

Sections 1.7 and 2 of this specification are normative and can contain the terms MAY, SHOULD, MUST, MUST NOT, and SHOULD NOT as defined in [\[RFC2119\]](#). All other sections and examples in this specification are informative.

## 1.1 Glossary

The following terms are specific to this document:

**.NET Framework:** An integral Windows component that supports building and running applications and **XML** web services. The Microsoft .NET Framework has two main components: the common language runtime and the .NET Framework class library. For more information about the .NET Framework, see [\[MSDN-.NET-FRAMEWORK\]](#). The following versions of the .NET Framework are available in the following released Windows products or as supplemental software. Microsoft .NET Framework 1.0: Windows NT 4.0 operating system, Microsoft Windows 98 operating system, Windows 2000 operating system, Windows Millennium Edition operating system, Windows XP operating system, and Windows Server 2003 operating system. Microsoft .NET Framework 1.1: Windows 98, Windows 2000, Windows Millennium Edition, Windows XP, Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2003 R2 operating system, Windows Vista operating system, and Windows Server 2008 operating system. Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0: Windows 98, Windows 2000, Windows Millennium Edition, Windows XP, Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2003 R2, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7 operating system, Windows Server 2008 R2 operating system, Windows 8 operating system, Windows Server 2012 operating system, Windows 10 operating system, and Windows Server 2016 Technical Preview operating system. Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0: Windows XP, Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2003 R2, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 8, Windows Server 2012, Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2012 R2, Windows 10, and Windows Server 2016 Technical Preview. Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5: Windows XP, Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2003 R2, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 8, Windows Server 2012, Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2012 R2, Windows 10, and Windows Server 2016 Technical Preview. Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0: Windows XP, Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2003 R2, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 8, Windows Server 2012, Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2012 R2, Windows 10, and Windows Server 2016 Technical Preview. Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5: Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 8, Windows Server 2012, Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2012 R2, and Windows 10. Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6: Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 8, Windows Server 2012, Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2012 R2, and Windows 10.

**base64 encoding:** A binary-to-text encoding scheme whereby an arbitrary sequence of bytes is converted to a sequence of printable ASCII characters, as described in [\[RFC4648\]](#).

**Coordinated Universal Time (UTC):** A high-precision atomic time standard that approximately tracks Universal Time (UT). It is the basis for legal, civil time all over the Earth. Time zones around the world are expressed as positive and negative offsets from UTC. In this role, it is also referred to as Zulu time (Z) and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). In these specifications, all references to UTC refer to the time at UTC-0 (or GMT).

**DictionaryString:** A structure defined in [MC-NBFX] section 2.1.4 that uses a **MultiByteInt31** to refer to a **string**.

**little-endian:** Multiple-byte values that are byte-ordered with the least significant byte stored in the memory location with the lowest address.

**MultiByteInt31:** A structure defined in [MC-NBFX] section 2.1.2 that encodes small integer values in fewer bytes than large integer values.

**record:** The fundamental unit of information in the .NET Binary Format: XML Data Structure encoded as a variable length series of bytes. [MC-NBFX] section 2 specifies the format for each type of **record**.

**string:** A structure that represents a set of characters ([\[MC-NBFX\]](#) section 2.1.3).

**universally unique identifier (UUID):** A 128-bit value. UUIDs can be used for multiple purposes, from tagging objects with an extremely short lifetime, to reliably identifying very persistent objects in cross-process communication such as client and server interfaces, manager entry-point vectors, and RPC objects. UUIDs are highly likely to be unique. UUIDs are also known as globally unique identifiers (GUIDs) and these terms are used interchangeably in the Microsoft protocol technical documents (TDs). Interchanging the usage of these terms does not imply or require a specific algorithm or mechanism to generate the UUID. Specifically, the use of this term does not imply or require that the algorithms described in [\[RFC4122\]](#) or [\[C706\]](#) must be used for generating the UUID.

**UTC (Coordinated Universal Time):** A high-precision atomic time standard that approximately tracks Universal Time (UT). It is the basis for legal, civil time all over the Earth. Time zones around the world are expressed as positive and negative offsets from UTC. In this role, it is also referred to as Zulu time (Z) and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). In these specifications, all references to UTC refer to the time at UTC-0 (or GMT).

**UTF-16:** A standard for encoding Unicode characters, defined in the Unicode standard, in which the most commonly used characters are defined as double-byte characters. Unless specified otherwise, this term refers to the UTF-16 encoding form specified in [\[UNICODE5.0.0/2007\]](#) section 3.9.

**UTF-8:** A byte-oriented standard for encoding Unicode characters, defined in the Unicode standard. Unless specified otherwise, this term refers to the UTF-8 encoding form specified in [\[UNICODE5.0.0/2007\]](#) section 3.9.

**XML:** The Extensible Markup Language, as described in [\[XML1.0\]](#).

**MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT:** These terms (in all caps) are used as defined in [\[RFC2119\]](#). All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

## 1.2 References

Links to a document in the Microsoft Open Specifications library point to the correct section in the most recently published version of the referenced document. However, because individual documents in the library are not updated at the same time, the section numbers in the documents may not match. You can confirm the correct section numbering by checking the [Errata](#).

### 1.2.1 Normative References

We conduct frequent surveys of the normative references to assure their continued availability. If you have any issue with finding a normative reference, please contact [dochelp@microsoft.com](mailto:dochelp@microsoft.com). We will assist you in finding the relevant information.

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[ISO-8601] International Organization for Standardization, "Data Elements and Interchange Formats - Information Interchange - Representation of Dates and Times", ISO/IEC 8601:2004, December 2004, <http://www.iso.org/iso/en/CatalogueDetailPage.CatalogueDetail?CSNUMBER=40874&ICS1=1&ICS2=140&ICS3=30>

**Note** There is a charge to download the specification.

[MS-OAUT] Microsoft Corporation, "[OLE Automation Protocol](#)".

[RFC2119] Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997, <http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>

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[MC-NBFSE] Microsoft Corporation, "[.NET Binary Format: SOAP Extension](#)".

[MC-NBFS] Microsoft Corporation, "[.NET Binary Format: SOAP Data Structure](#)".

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## 1.3 Overview

The .NET Binary Format: XML Data Structure is used to efficiently represent XML 1.0 documents, as specified in [\[XML1.0\]](#).

## 1.4 Relationship to Protocols and Other Structures

The .NET Binary Format: XML Data Structure is extended by the .NET Binary Format: SOAP Data Structure, as described in [\[MC-NBFS\]](#), and the .NET Binary Format: SOAP Extension, as described in [\[MC-NBFSE\]](#).



## 1.5 Applicability Statement

The .NET Binary Format: XML Data Structure is a general-purpose way to represent an XML document that offers many benefits in terms of reduced size and processing costs, but at the expense of human readability. However, the .NET Binary Format: XML Data Structure is capable of representing only a subset of information described by an XML information set (infoset), as described in [\[XML-INFOSET\]](#). It does not represent all syntactic aspects of an XML document encoded textually.

Some constructs have more than one form, of which the .NET Binary Format for XML Data Structure supports one form. For example, the standard (short) form of an empty element is not supported, but the more general form (with open and close tags) is supported.

```
<element/>                                <!-- Not supported -->
<element></element>                       <!-- Supported -->
```

Other constructs are not supported, although a functionally equivalent construct is supported by the .NET Binary Format for XML Data Structure. For example, a CDATA section cannot be encoded; however, a semantically equivalent construct can be encoded.

```
<element><![CDATA[hello world]]></element> <!-- Not supported -->
<element>hello world</element>           <!-- Supported -->
```

Character references are necessary in textual XML in order to disambiguate document structure from document content. The .NET Binary Format: XML Data Structure uses **records** to distinguish between structure and content, making character references unnecessary.

Insignificant spaces in an element or end element are not supported.

```
<element a = "value" ></element >       <!-- Not supported -->
```

Processing instructions, data type definitions (DTDs), and declarations are not supported and cannot be represented by this format.

The following table identifies the items that are not available in the .NET Binary Format for XML Data Structure.

Unsupported construct	Example
Xml Declaration	<?xml version="1.0">
Processing Instruction	<?pi?>
DTD	<!DOCTYPE ...
Character Reference	<element>&amp;</element>
Empty Element (short form)	<element/>
CDATA Section	<element><![CDATA[hello world]]></element>
Insignificant White Space (in or around an element)	< element a = "value" ></element >

## 1.6 Versioning and Localization

The .NET Binary Format: XML Data Structure has no versioning mechanism. The format contains both **UTF-16** [\[RFC2781\]](#)-encoded and UTF-8 [\[RFC2279\]](#)-encoded **strings**, and their use is described in section [2](#).

## 1.7 Vendor-Extensible Fields

Records in the .NET Binary Format: XML Data Structure that contain **DictionaryString** structures use integers to represent strings. The producer and consumer of a document encoded in this format must agree on how to map these integers to strings. This specification does not prescribe how the producer and consumer agree upon or learn about this mapping. Furthermore, the format does not provide a way to encode such information. Any specification that defines this mapping **MUST** be considered a different format.

## 2 Structures

The .NET Binary Format: XML Data Structure is composed of zero or more records, each of which represents some characters in the XML document. The complete XML document represented by the format is simply the concatenation of the characters represented by each of the records. The resulting document is not necessarily a valid XML document.

Unless otherwise noted, records may appear in any order.

### 2.1 Common Definitions

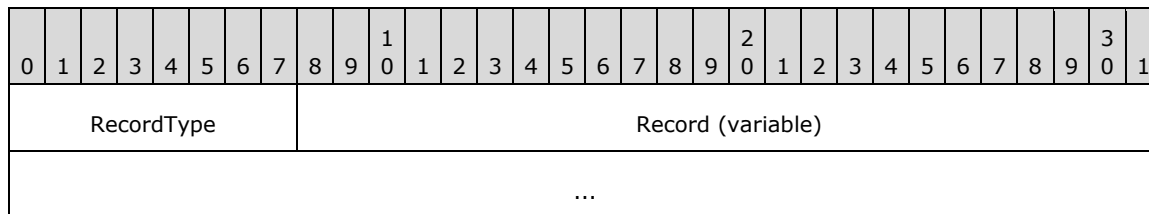
This section specifies the basic record structure and commonly used structures within those records.

Unless otherwise noted, all values MUST be encoded in **little-endian** format.

Unless otherwise noted, the alignment of a record or any of the fields in the record MUST NOT be assumed to be any particular value. The bit position diagrams are provided to indicate relative positions and sizes of fields, but do not indicate alignment.

#### 2.1.1 Record

Each record is encoded as follows.



**RecordType (1 byte):** A single byte that identifies the type of record.

**Record (variable):** Dependent upon RecordType.

The following table shows the mapping for each RecordType. The RecordType MUST be one of the values listed in this table. The format for each record is further detailed after the table.

RecordType	Record
0x00	Reserved
0x01	EndElement
0x02	Comment
0x03	Array
0x04	ShortAttribute
0x05	Attribute
0x06	ShortDictionaryAttribute
0x07	DictionaryAttribute
0x08	ShortXmlnsAttribute
0x09	XmlnsAttribute

<b>RecordType</b>	<b>Record</b>
0x0A	ShortDictionaryXmlnsAttribute
0x0B	DictionaryXmlnsAttribute
0x0C 0x0D ... 0x24 0x25	PrefixDictionaryAttributeA PrefixDictionaryAttributeB ... PrefixDictionaryAttributeY PrefixDictionaryAttributeZ
0x26 0x27 ... 0x3E 0x3F	PrefixAttributeA PrefixAttributeB ... PrefixAttributeY PrefixAttributeZ
0x40	ShortElement
0x41	Element
0x42	ShortDictionaryElement
0x43	DictionaryElement
0x44 0x45 ... 0x5C 0x5D	PrefixDictionaryElementA PrefixDictionaryElementB ... PrefixDictionaryElementY PrefixDictionaryElementZ
0x5E 0x5F ... 0x76 0x77	PrefixElementA PrefixElementB ... PrefixElementY PrefixElementZ
0x78 0x79 ... 0x7E 0x7F	Reserved
0x80	ZeroText
0x81	ZeroTextWithEndElement
0x82	OneText
0x83	OneTextWithEndElement
0x84	FalseText
0x85	FalseTextWithEndElement
0x86	TrueText
0x87	TrueTextWithEndElement
0x88	Int8Text
0x89	Int8TextWithEndElement
0x8A	Int16Text
0x8B	Int16TextWithEndElement
0x8C	Int32Text
0x8D	Int32TextWithEndElement
0x8E	Int64Text
0x8F	Int64TextWithEndElement
0x90	FloatText
0x91	FloatTextWithEndElement

<b>RecordType</b>	<b>Record</b>
0x92	DoubleText
0x93	DoubleTextWithEndElement
0x94	DecimalText
0x95	DecimalTextWithEndElement
0x96	DateTimeText
0x97	DateTimeTextWithEndElement
0x98	Chars8Text
0x99	Chars8TextWithEndElement
0x9A	Chars16Text
0x9B	Chars16TextWithEndElement
0x9C	Chars32Text
0x9D	Chars32TextWithEndElement
0x9E	Bytes8Text
0x9F	Bytes8TextWithEndElement
0xA0	Bytes16Text
0xA1	Bytes16TextWithEndElement
0xA2	Bytes32Text
0xA3	Bytes32TextWithEndElement
0xA4	StartListText
0xA5	Reserved
0xA6	EndListText
0xA7	Reserved
0xA8	EmptyText
0xA9	EmptyTextWithEndElement
0xAA	DictionaryText
0xAB	DictionaryTextWithEndElement
0xAC	UniqueIdText
0xAD	UniqueIdTextWithEndElement
0xAE	TimeSpanText
0xAF	TimeSpanTextWithEndElement
0xB0	UuidText
0xB1	UuidTextWithEndElement

RecordType	Record
0xB2	UInt64Text
0xB3	UInt64TextWithEndElement
0xB4	BoolText
0xB5	BoolTextWithEndElement
0xB6	UnicodeChars8Text
0xB7	UnicodeChars8Text WithEndElement
0xB8	UnicodeChars16Text
0xB9	UnicodeChars16TextWithEndElement
0xBA	UnicodeChars32Text
0xBB	UnicodeChars32TextWithEndElement
0xBC	QNameDictionaryText
0xBD	QNameDictionaryTextWithEndElement
0xBE 0xBF ... 0xFE 0xFF	Reserved

## 2.1.2 MultiByteInt31

This structure describes an unsigned 31-bit integer value in a variable-length packet. The size of the number to be stored determines the size of the packet according to the following mapping.

Unsigned integer range	Packet size	Packet reference
0x00 to 0x7F	1 byte	MultiByteInt31-(1 Byte)
0x0080 to 0x3FFF	2 bytes	MultiByteInt31-(2 Bytes)
0x004000 to 0x1FFFFFF	3 bytes	MultiByteInt31-(3 Bytes)
0x00200000 to 0x0FFFFFFF	4 bytes	MultiByteInt31-(4 Bytes)
0x001000000 to 0x007FFFFFFF	5 bytes	MultiByteInt31-(5 Bytes)

### 2.1.2.1 MultiByteInt31-(1 Byte)

The MultiByteInt31-(1 Byte) packet is used to store unsigned integer values in the range of 0x00 to 0x7F (decimal 0 to 127) inclusive.

MultiByteInt31 (7 bits encoded in 1 byte)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					
Value_A																																				

**Value\_A (7 bits):** Seven LSB of value

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	Value_A						

Example: decimal 17

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Encodes as follows.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Thus, the decimal value 17 is encoded as 1 byte, as in the following example.

0x11

### 2.1.2.2 MultiByteInt31-(2 Bytes)

The MultiByteInt31-(2 Bytes) packet is used to store unsigned integers in the range of 0x0080 to 0x3FFF (decimal 128 to 16383) inclusive.

MultiByteInt31 (14 bits encoded in 2 bytes)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Value_B							Value_A																								

**Value\_B (7 bits):** Second seven LSB of value

**Value\_A (7 bits):** First seven LSB of value

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
0	Value_B							1	Value_A						

Example: decimal 145

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Encodes as follows.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Thus, the decimal value 145 is encoded as 2 bytes, as in the following example.

0x91 0x01

Example: decimal 5521

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Encodes as follows.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Thus, the decimal value 5521 is encoded in 2 bytes, as in the following example.

0x91 0x2B

### 2.1.2.3 MultiByteInt31-(3 Bytes)

The MultiByteInt31-(3 Bytes) packet is used to store unsigned integers in the range of 0x004000 to 0x1FFFFF (decimal 16384 to 2097151) inclusive.

MultiByteInt31 (21 bits encoded in 3 bytes)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Value_C							Value_B							Value_A							

**Value\_C (7 bits):** Third 7 LSB of value

**Value\_B (7 bits):** Second 7 LSB of value

**Value\_A (7 bits):** First 7 LSB of value

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
0	Value_C						1	Value_B						1	Value_A						

Example: decimal 16384



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Encodes as follows.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Thus, the decimal value 16384 is encoded in 3 bytes, as in the following example.

0x80 0x80 0x01

### 2.1.2.4 MultiByteInt31-(4 Bytes)

The MultiByteInt31-(4 Bytes) packet is used to store unsigned integers in the range of 0x00200000 to 0x0FFFFFFF (decimal 2097152 to 268435455) inclusive.

MultiByteInt31 (28 bits encoded in 4 bytes)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Value D							Value C							Value B							Value A										

**Value D (7 bits):** Fourth 7 LSB of value

**Value C (7 bits):** Third 7 LSB of value

**Value B (7 bits):** Second 7 LSB of value

**Value A (7 bits):** First 7 LSB of value

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
0	Value_D						1	Value_C						1	Value_B						1	Value_A									

Example: decimal 268435456

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Encodes as follows.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

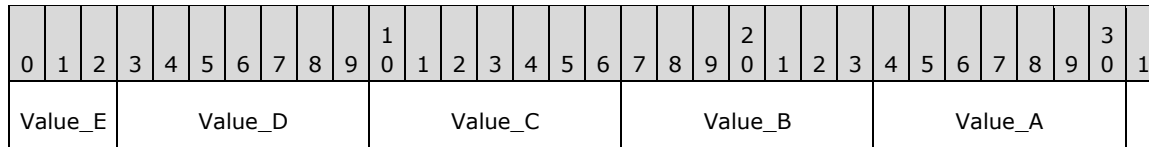
Thus, the decimal value 268435456 is encoded in 4 bytes, as in the following example.

0x80 0x80 0x80 0x01

### 2.1.2.5 MultiByteInt31-(5 Bytes)

The MultiByteInt31-(5 Bytes) packet is used to store unsigned integers in the range of 0x01000000 to 0x07FFFFFFF (decimal 268435456 to 2147483647) inclusive.

MultiByteInt31 (31 bits encoded in 5 bytes)



**Value\_E (3 bits):** First 3 MSB of value

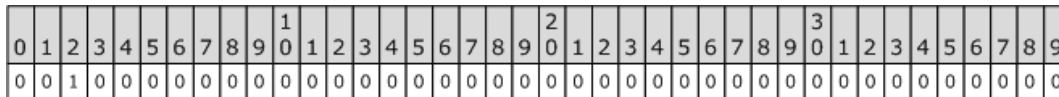
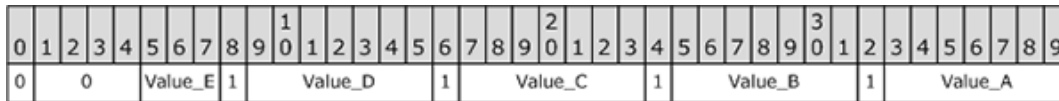
**Value\_D (7 bits):** Fourth 7 LSB of value

**Value\_C (7 bits):** Third 7 LSB of value

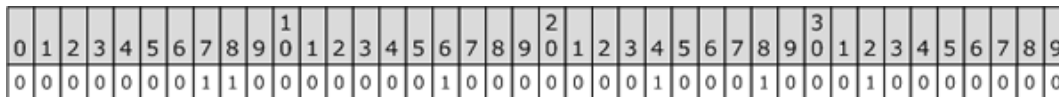
**Value\_B (7 bits):** Second 7 LSB of value

**Value\_A (7 bits):** First 7 LSB of value

Example: decimal 268435456



Encodes As:

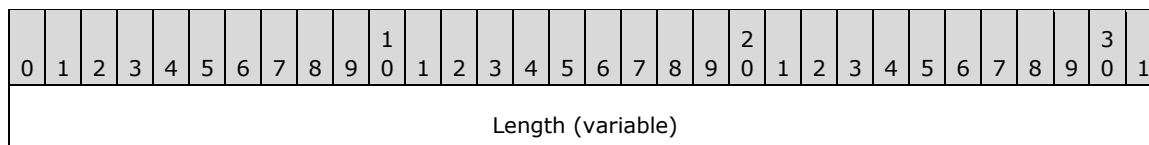


Thus, the decimal value 268435456 is encoded in 5 bytes, as in the following example.

0x80 0x80 0x80 0x80 0x01

### 2.1.3 String

The String structure describes a set of characters encoded in UTF-8, as specified in [\[RFC2279\]](#).



...
Bytes (variable)
...

**Length (variable):** This is the length in bytes of the string when encoded in UTF-8, as specified in [RFC2279], and MUST be encoded using **MultiByteInt31**. For more information on MultiByteInt31 see section [2.1.2](#).

**Bytes (variable):** These are the bytes that constitute the string and MUST be encoded in UTF-8, as specified in [RFC2279].

For example, the string "abc" is encoded as 4 bytes.

0x03 0x61 0x62 0x63

This specification places no restrictions on the set of characters that may be encoded here.

### 2.1.4 DictionaryString

The DictionaryString structure describes a reference to a set of characters.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**Value (variable):** An integer value encoded using MultiByteInt31. For more information on MultiByteInt31 see section [2.1.2](#). The string that the integer refers to is determined by the producer and consumer of the document.

This specification places no restrictions on the set of characters that may be referenced.

## 2.2 Records

This section describes the format of each of the records noted earlier, and the characters they represent. The character representations of records are case sensitive and MUST use the exact casing depicted.

Records can largely be grouped into four categories:

- [Element Records](#)
- [Attribute Records](#)
- [Text Records](#)
- [Miscellaneous Records](#)

For reference, the record type is shown in hex following each record.

## 2.2.1 Element Records

This section describes the different kinds of element records. An element record is any record with a record type. See the following tables from 0x40 to 0x77 inclusive. Element records represent different kinds of elements in the XML document.

### 2.2.1.1 ShortElement Record (0x40)

This structure represents an element without a prefix.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Name (variable)																															
...																															
Attributes (variable)																															
...																															

**Name (variable):** The name of the element encoded using String. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Attributes (variable):** Zero or more attribute records.

For example, if name refers to the string "element" and attributes refers to { xmlns="http://tempuri.org" }, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
<element_xmlns="http://tempuri.org">
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.1.2 Element Record (0x41)

This structure represents an element with a prefix.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Prefix (variable)																															
...																															
Name (variable)																															
...																															
Attributes (variable)																															
...																															

**Prefix (variable):** The prefix of the element encoded using String. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Name (variable):** The name of the element encoded using String. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Attributes (variable):** Zero or more attribute records.

For example, if prefix refers to the string "prefix", name refers to the string "element", and attributes refers to { xmlns:prefix="http://tempuri.org" }, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
<prefix:element_xmlns:prefix="http://tempuri.org">
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.1.3 ShortDictionaryElement Record (0x42)

This structure represents an element without a prefix.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Name (variable)																															
...																															
Attributes (variable)																															
...																															

**Name (variable):** The name of the element encoded using DictionaryString. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Attributes (variable):** Zero or more attribute records.

For example, if name refers to the String "element" and attributes refers to { xmlns="http://tempuri.org" }, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
<element_xmlns="http://tempuri.org">
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.1.4 DictionaryElement Record (0x43)

This structure represents an element with a prefix.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Prefix (variable)																															
...																															

Name (variable)
...
Attributes (variable)
...

**Prefix (variable):** The prefix of the element encoded using String. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Name (variable):** The name of the element encoded using Dictionary. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Attributes (variable):** Zero or more attribute records.

For example, if prefix refers to the string "prefix", name refers to the string "element", and attributes refers to { xmlns:prefix="http://tempuri.org" }, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
<prefix:element_xmlns:prefix="http://tempuri.org">
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.1.5 PrefixDictionaryElement[A-Z] Record (0x44-0x5D)

This structure represents an element with a single lowercase letter prefix.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Name (variable)																															
...																															
Attributes (variable)																															
...																															

**Name (variable):** The name of the element encoded using DictionaryString. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Attributes (variable):** Zero or more attribute records.

The prefix for this attribute is determined by the record type.

For example, if the record type is PrefixDictionaryElementB, name refers to the string "element", and attributes refers to { xmlns:b="http://tempuri.org" }, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
<b:element_xmlns:b="http://tempuri.org">
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.1.6 PrefixElement[A-Z] Record (0x5E-0x77)

This structure represents an element with a single lowercase letter prefix.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Name (variable)																															
...																															
Attributes (variable)																															
...																															

**Name (variable):** The name of the element encoded using String. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Attributes (variable):** Zero or more attribute records.

The prefix for this attribute is determined by the record type.

For example, if the record type is PrefixElementB, name refers to the string "element", and attributes refers to { xmlns:b="http://tempuri.org" }, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
<b:element xmlns:b="http://tempuri.org">
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

## 2.2.2 Attribute Records

This section describes the different kinds of attribute records. An attribute record is any record with a record type (see Table 1) from 0x04 to 0x3F inclusive. An attribute record MUST follow another attribute record or an element record. Attribute records represent different kinds of attributes in the XML document.

### 2.2.2.1 ShortAttribute Record (0x04)

This structure represents an attribute without a prefix.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Name (variable)																															
...																															
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**Name (variable):** The name of the attribute encoded using String. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Value (variable):** The value of the attribute encoded using a text record.

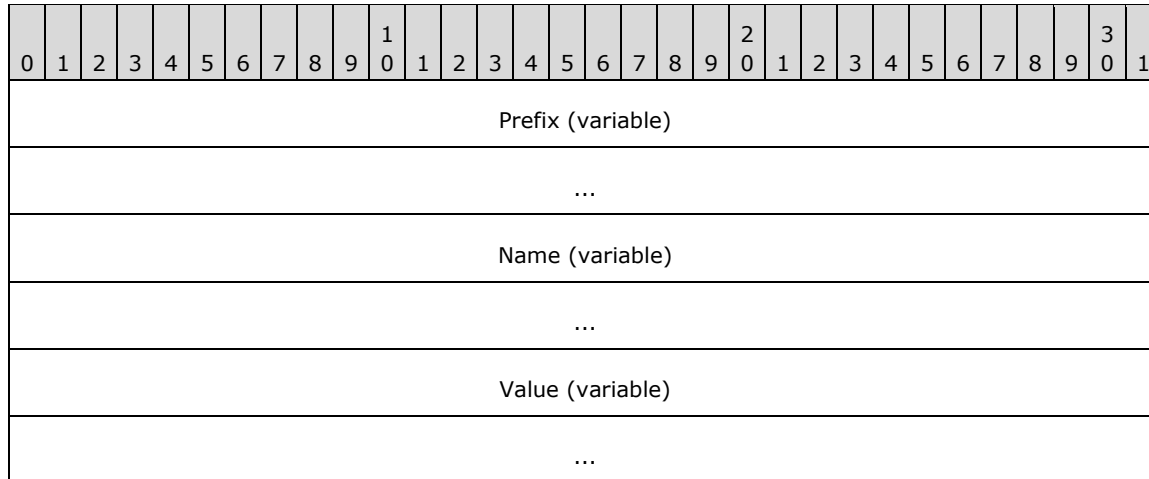
For example, if name refers to the string "attr" and value refers to the text "value", this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
_attr="value"
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.2.2 Attribute Record (0x05)

This structure represents an attribute with a prefix.



**Prefix (variable):** The prefix of the attribute encoded using String. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The prefix MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Name (variable):** The name of the attribute encoded using String. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Value (variable):** The value of the attribute encoded using a single text record ([Text Records](#)).

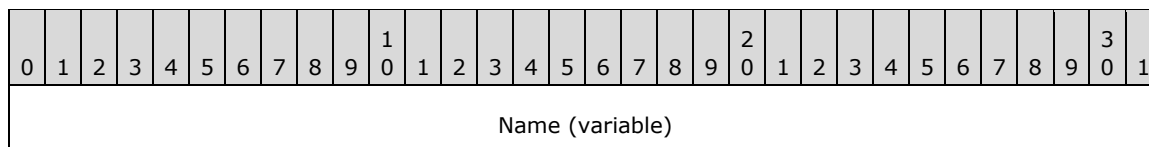
For example, if prefix refers to the string "prefix", and the name refers to the string "attr", and value refers to the text "value", this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
_prefix:attr="value"
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.2.3 ShortDictionaryAttribute Record (0x06)

This structure represents an attribute without a prefix.





...
Value (variable)
...

**Name (variable):** The name of the attribute encoded using DictionaryString. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Value (variable):** The value of the attribute encoded using a text record.

For example if name refers to the string "attr" and value refers to the text "value", this record is interpreted as the following attribute.

```
_attr="value"
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.2.4 DictionaryAttribute Record (0x07)

This structure represents an attribute with a prefix.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Prefix (variable)																															
...																															
Name (variable)																															
...																															
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**Prefix (variable):** The prefix of the attribute encoded using String. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The prefix MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Name (variable):** The name of the attribute encoded using DictionaryString. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Value (variable):** The value of the attribute encoded using a text record.

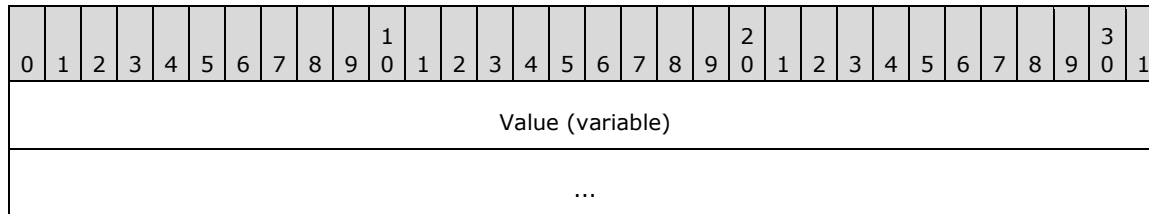
For example, if prefix refers to the string "prefix", name refers to the string "attr", and value refers to the text "value", this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
_prefix:attr="value"
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.2.5 ShortXmlnsAttribute Record (0x08)

This structure represents an xmlns attribute without a prefix.



**Value (variable):** The value of the attribute encoded using String.

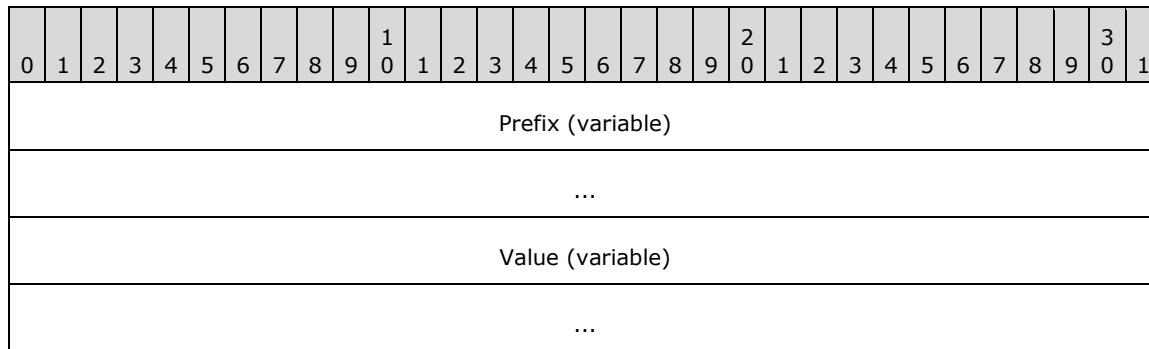
For example, if value refers to the string "http://tempuri.org", this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
_xmlns="http://tempuri.org"
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.2.6 XmlnsAttribute Record (0x09)

This structure represents an xmlns attribute with a prefix.



**Prefix (variable):** The prefix of the attribute encoded using String. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The prefix MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Value (variable):** The value of the attribute encoded using String.

For example, if prefix refers to the string "ENV" and value refers to the string "http://tempuri.org", this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
_xmlns:ENV="http://tempuri.org"
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.2.7 ShortDictionaryXmlnsAttribute Record (0x0A)

This structure represents an xmlns attribute without a prefix.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	3	0	1
Value (variable)																																		
...																																		

**Value (variable):** The value of the attribute encoded using DictionaryString.

For example, if value refers to the text "value", this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
_xmlns="value"
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.2.8 DictionaryXmlnsAttribute Record (0x0B)

This structure represents an xmlns attribute with a prefix.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	3	0	1
Prefix (variable)																																		
...																																		
Value (variable)																																		
...																																		

**Prefix (variable):** The prefix of the attribute encoded using String. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The prefix MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Value (variable):** The value of the attribute encoded using DictionaryString.

For example, if prefix refers to the string "ENV" and value refers to the string "http://tempuri.org", this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
_xmlns:ENV="http://tempuri.org"
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.2.9 PrefixDictionaryAttribute[A-Z] Records (0x0C-0x25)

This structure represents an attribute with a single lowercase letter prefix.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	3	0	1
Name (variable)																																		
...																																		

Value (variable)
...

**Name (variable):** The name of the attribute encoded using DictionaryString. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Value (variable):** The value of the attribute encoded using a text record.

### 2.2.2.10 PrefixAttribute[A-Z] Records (0x26-0x3F)

This structure represents an attribute with a single lowercase letter prefix.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	3	0	1
Name (variable)																																
...																																
Value (variable)																																
...																																

**Name (variable):** The name of the attribute encoded using String. The length of this String MUST be nonzero. The name MUST NOT be "xmlns".

**Value (variable):** The value of the attribute encoded using text record.

The prefix for this attribute is determined by the record type.

For example, if the record type is PrefixAttributeX, name refers to the string "attr", and value refers to the text "value", this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
_x:attr="value"
```

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.3 Text Records

This section describes the different kinds of text records. A text record is any record with a record type (see Table 1) from 0x80 to 0xBD inclusive. Text records are used to represent the attribute or element content of the XML document.

#### 2.2.3.1 ZeroText Record (0x80)

This structure represents attribute or element content and MUST be interpreted as representing the following characters.

```
0
```

There are no additional fields for this record.

### 2.2.3.2 OneText Record (0x82)

This structure represents attribute or element content and MUST be interpreted as representing the following characters.

1

There are no additional fields for this record.

### 2.2.3.3 FalseText Record (0x84)

This structure represents attribute or element content and MUST be interpreted as representing the following characters.

false

There are no additional fields for this record.

### 2.2.3.4 TrueText Record (0x86)

This structure represents attribute or element content and MUST be interpreted as representing the following characters.

true

There are no additional fields for this record.

### 2.2.3.5 Int8Text Record (0x88)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Value																															

**Value (1 byte):** The signed 8-bit integer value.

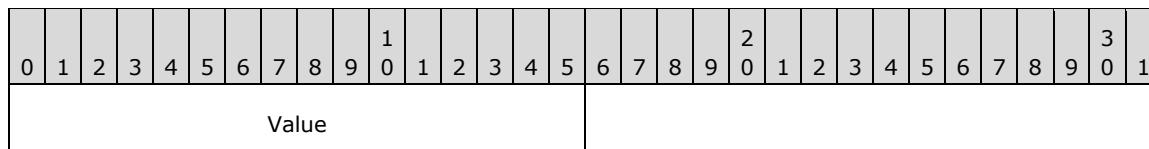
This structure MUST be interpreted as representing the characters formed by converting the value to base 10. The characters MUST be preceded by a minus sign "-" if the value is negative. There MUST NOT be any leading zeroes or decimal point.

For example, if value is 0x80, this is interpreted as the following characters.

-128

### 2.2.3.6 Int16Text Record (0x8A)

This structure represents attribute or element content.



**Value (2 bytes):** The signed 16-bit integer value.

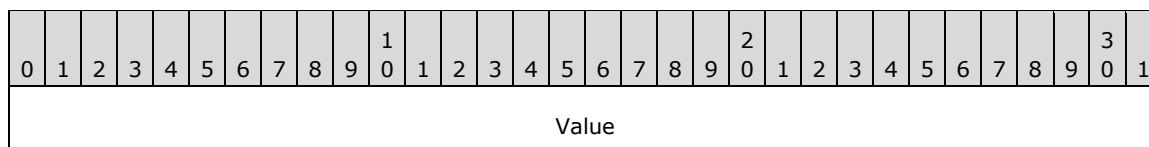
This structure MUST be interpreted as representing the characters formed by converting the value to base 10. The characters MUST be preceded by a minus sign "-" if the value is negative. There MUST NOT be any leading zeroes or decimal point.

For example, if value is 0x8000, this is interpreted as the following characters.

-32768

### 2.2.3.7 Int32Text Record (0x8C)

This structure represents attribute or element content.



**Value (4 bytes):** The signed 32-bit integer value.

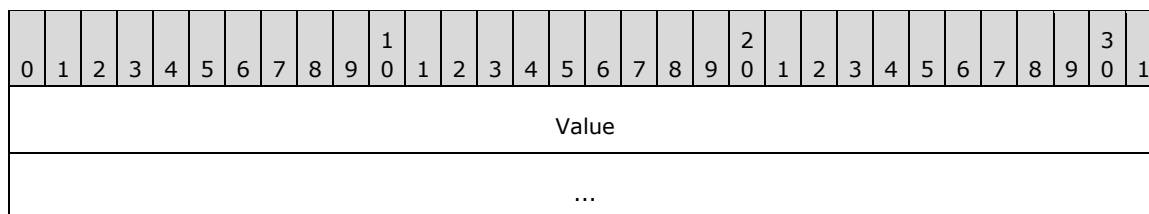
This structure MUST be interpreted as representing the characters formed by converting the value to base 10. The characters MUST be preceded by a minus sign "-" if the value is negative. There MUST NOT be any leading zeroes or decimal point.

For example, if value is 0x80000000, this is interpreted as the following characters.

-2147483648

### 2.2.3.8 Int64Text Record (0x8E)

This structure represents attribute or element content.



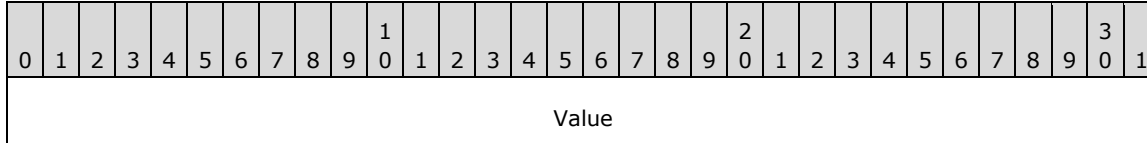
**Value (8 bytes):** The signed 64-bit integer value.

This structure MUST be interpreted as representing the characters formed by converting the value to base 10. The characters MUST be preceded by a minus sign "-" if the value is negative. There MUST NOT be any leading zeroes or decimal point.

For example, if value is 0x8000000000000000, this is interpreted as the following characters.

### 2.2.3.9 FloatText Record (0x90)

This structure represents attribute or element content.



**Value (4 bytes):** The 32-bit single precision floating point value as described in [\[IEEE754\]](#).

This structure MUST be interpreted as representing the characters formed by converting the value to base 10. The period "." MUST be used as the decimal point only if a fractional component exists. The least number of digits that exactly reproduces the IEEE representation MUST be used. There MUST NOT be any unnecessary leading or trailing zeroes, except when a decimal point is the first character, in which case a single zero "0" MUST precede the decimal point. Exponential notation MUST be used when the position of the decimal point is outside the range of significant digits. When exponential notation is used, the character "E" MUST be used, and MUST be followed by a plus sign "+" or minus sign "-", and MUST be followed by the magnitude of the exponent.

Furthermore, special values have special characters that MUST be used.

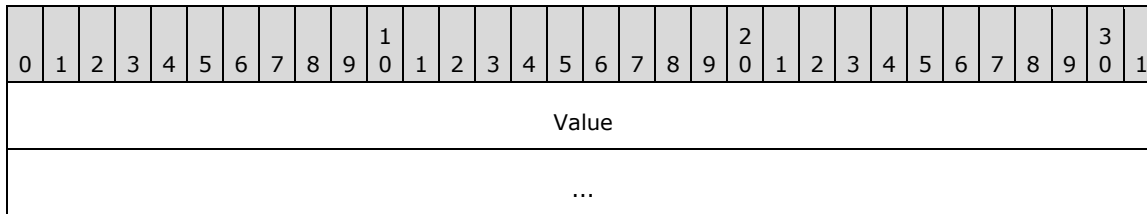
Value	Characters
Infinity	INF
Negative infinity	-INF
Nan	NaN
Negative zero	-0

For example, if value is 0x3F8CCCCD, this is interpreted as the following characters.

1.1

### 2.2.3.10 DoubleText Record (0x92)

This structure represents attribute or element content.



**Value (8 bytes):** The 64-bit single precision floating point value as specified in [\[IEEE754\]](#).

This structure MUST be interpreted as representing the characters formed by converting the value to base 10. The period "." MUST be used as the decimal point only if a fractional component exists. The least number of digits that exactly reproduces the IEEE representation MUST be used. There MUST

NOT be any unnecessary leading or trailing zeroes, except when a decimal point is the first character, in which case a single zero "0" MUST precede the decimal point. Exponential notation MUST be used when the position of the decimal point is outside the range of significant digits. When exponential notation is used, the character "E" MUST be used, and MUST be followed by a plus sign "+" or minus sign "-", and MUST be followed by the magnitude of the exponent.

Furthermore, special values have special characters that MUST be used.

Value	Characters
Infinity	INF
Negative infinity	-INF
Nan	NaN
Negative zero	-0

For example, if value is 0x4005BF0A8B145774, this is interpreted as the following characters.

2.7182818284590451

### 2.2.3.11 DecimalText Record (0x94)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Value (16 bytes)																															
...																															
...																															

**Value (16 bytes):** The decimal value encoded in 16-bytes as specified in [\[MS-OAUT\]](#) section 2.2.26. See also [\[IEEE854\]](#).

This structure MUST be interpreted as representing the characters formed by converting the value to base 10. The period "." MUST be used as the decimal point only if a fractional component exists. The least number of digits that exactly reproduces the IEEE representation MUST be used. There MUST NOT be any unnecessary leading or trailing zeros, except when a decimal point is the first character, in which case a single zero "0" MUST precede the decimal point.

For example, if value is 0x00000000004F2D800000000000060000, this is interpreted as the following characters.

5.123456

### 2.2.3.12 DateTimeText Record (0x96)

This structure represents attribute or element content.



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Value																															
...																												TZ			

**Value (62 bits):** The 62-bit unsigned integer value that specifies the number of 100 nanoseconds that had elapsed since 12:00:00, January 1, 0001. The value can represent time instants in a granularity of 100 nanoseconds until 23:59:59.9999999, December 31, 9999. The value MUST be less than the decimal value 3155378976000000000.

**TZ (2 bits):** A two-bit unsigned integer that contains TimeZone information. This MUST be 0, 1, or 2.

This structure MUST be interpreted as representing the characters formed by converting the value to a date.

If the hour, minutes, seconds, and fraction of second parts are zero, the date MUST be interpreted as the following characters.

```
yyyy-MM-dd
```

Otherwise, if the fraction of a second part is zero, the date MUST be interpreted as the following characters.

```
yyyy-MM-ddTHH:mm:ss
```

Otherwise, the date MUST be interpreted as the following characters.

```
yyyy-MM-ddTHH:mm:ss.fffffff
```

where:

- yyyy is the four-digit representation of the year.
- MM is the two-digit representation of the month starting at "01".
- dd is the two-digit representation of the day of the month starting at "01".
- HH is the two-digit representation of the hour of the day starting at "00".
- mm is the two-digit representation of the minute of the hour starting at "00".
- ss is the two-digit representation of the second of the minute starting at "00".
- ffffffff is up to seven digits representing the fraction of the second. There MUST be no trailing zeros.

All other characters are included as shown.

If TZ is one, then the time is in **UTC (Coordinated Universal Time)**, and the date MUST be interpreted as having a trailing character "Z".

If TZ is two, then the time is a local time, and the date MUST be interpreted as having additional characters that indicate the **UTC** offset. The UTC offset MUST be the time zone offset in which the document is being decoded.

If the UTC offset is positive, the date MUST be interpreted as having the following additional characters.

+HH:mm

If the UTC offset is negative, the date MUST be interpreted as having the following additional characters.

-HH:mm

where:

- HH is the two-digit representation of the absolute value of the hour UTC offset starting at "00".
- mm is the two-digit representation of the absolute value of the minute UTC offset starting at "00".

All other characters are included as shown.

If TZ is zero, the time is not specified as either UTC or a local time and nothing further is added.

The interpreted format of a DateTimeText record is [\[ISO-8601\]](#) compliant.

### 2.2.3.13 Chars8Text Record (0x98)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1		
Length										Bytes (variable)																							
...																																	

**Length (1 byte):** This is the length in bytes of the UTF-8 [\[RFC2279\]](#)-encoded string and is represented as UINT8.

**Bytes (variable):** The string encoded as UTF-8 [\[RFC2279\]](#) bytes.

For example, if length is 3 and bytes = { 0x41, 0x42, 0x43 }, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

abc

UTF-8 [\[RFC2279\]](#)-encoded sequences MUST be fully formed. There MUST not be any partial UTF-8 [\[RFC2279\]](#) sequences within a record. UTF-8 [\[RFC2279\]](#) sequences that expand to a low surrogate character MUST be paired with a high surrogate character. (For more information on surrogate characters, see [\[UNICODE\]](#).)

#### 2.2.3.13.1 Character Escaping

Characters MUST be interpreted as minimally escaped. This means that a character MUST be interpreted as escaped only if it is required to be escaped for the character to be legal at this point in the XML document. Characters considered illegal by XML MUST be considered escaped.

If a character must be interpreted as escaped and it is one of the characters in the first column of the following table, it MUST be interpreted as the characters in the second column.

Character	Interpret as
"	&quot
&	&amp
<	&lt
>	&gt
'	&apos

Otherwise if a character does not fall within the legal character ranges defined in XML, the character MUST be interpreted as the following characters.

```
&#digits;
```

where digits is the value of the character expressed in base 10 characters. There MUST NOT be any unnecessary leading zeros in this representation.

For example, if length is 6, and bytes = { 0x22, 0x26, 0x3C, 0x3E, 0x27, 0x00 }, and this record is within an element, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
"&amp;&lt;&gt;'"#0;
```

The ampersand (&), less than sign (<), and greater than sign (>) are required by XML to be escaped in element content; quotation marks (") and single quotation marks (') are not required to be escaped. The zero (0) is invalid in XML, but MUST be interpreted as appearing in its escaped form.

If the same record appeared as an attribute, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
&quot;&amp;&lt;&gt;'&#0;
```

### 2.2.3.14 Chars16Text Record (0x9A)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Length																Bytes (variable)															
...																															

**Length (2 bytes):** This is the length in bytes of the UTF-8 [\[RFC2279\]](#)-encoded string and is represented as UINT16.

**Bytes (variable):** The string encoded as UTF-8 [RFC2279] bytes.

See [Chars8Text Record](#) for examples.

### 2.2.3.15 Chars32Text Record (0x9C)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Length																															
Bytes (variable)																															
...																															

**Length (4 bytes):** This is the length in bytes of the string when encoded in UTF-8, as specified in [\[RFC2279\]](#), and is represented as INT32. The value of Length MUST be positive.

**Bytes (variable):** The string encoded as UTF-8 [RFC2279] bytes.

See [Chars8Text Record](#) for examples.

### 2.2.3.16 Bytes8Text Record (0x9E)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Length										Bytes (variable)																					
...																															

**Length (1 byte):** This is the length, in bytes, of the binary data and is represented as UINT8.

**Bytes (variable):** The binary data.

This record MUST be interpreted as the characters obtained by encoding the bytes in **base64** as specified in [\[RFC3548\]](#).

For example, if length is 3 and bytes = { 0x01, 0x02, 0x03 }, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

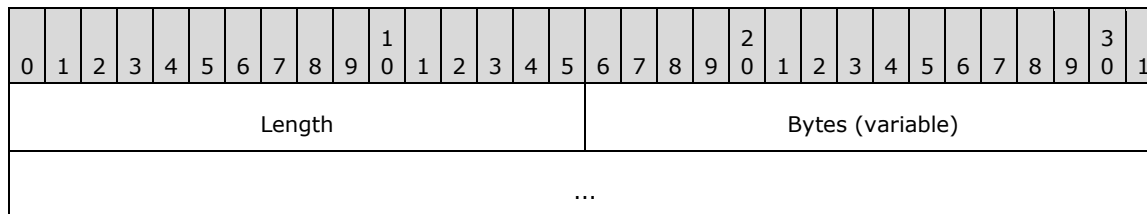
AQID

If length is 1 and bytes = { 0xFF }, this record MUST be interpreted as the following characters.

/w==

### 2.2.3.17 Bytes16Text Record (0xA0)

This structure represents attribute or element content.



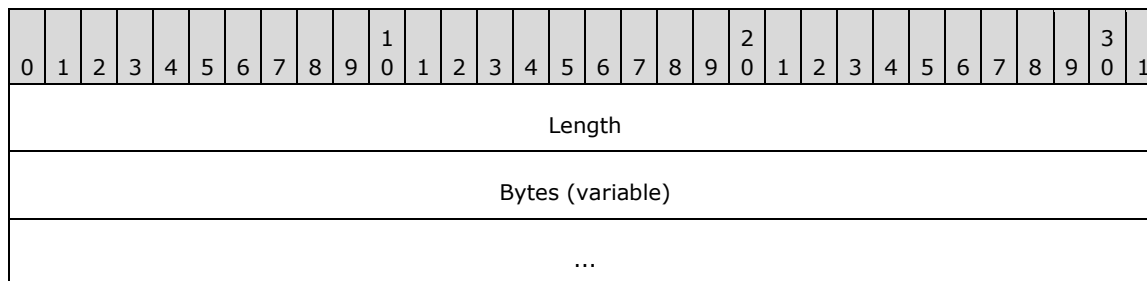
**Length (2 bytes):** This is the length in bytes of the binary data and is represented as UINT16.

**Bytes (variable):** The binary data.

See [Bytes8Text Record](#) for examples.

### 2.2.3.18 Bytes32Text Record (0xA2)

This structure represents attribute or element content.



**Length (4 bytes):** This is the length in bytes of the binary data and is represented as INT32. The value of Length MUST be positive.

**Bytes (variable):** The binary data.

See [Bytes8Text Record](#) for examples.

### 2.2.3.19 StartListText / EndListText Records (0xA4, 0xA6)

This structure represents attribute or element content. These records identify the start and end of a list of text records separated by a single whitespace character. They have no additional fields. The records that they bracket MUST be text records and MUST NOT contain a StartListText or EndListText record. An EndListText record MUST have a corresponding StartListText record.

For example, this sequence of records

```
StartListText
TrueText
FalseText
ZeroText
OneText
EndListText
```

is interpreted as the following characters.

true\_false\_0\_1

Note that the underscore is intended to represent a single ASCII white-space character (32).

### 2.2.3.20 EmptyText Record (0xA8)

This structure represents a zero-length string. It has no additional fields. It MUST be interpreted as no characters.

### 2.2.3.21 DictionaryText Record (0xAA)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**Value (variable):** The value of the string encoded using DictionaryString.

For example, if value refers to the string "hello", this record is interpreted as the following characters.

hello

See [Character Escaping](#) for notes on escaping of characters.

### 2.2.3.22 UniqueIdText Record (0xAC)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Data1																															
Data2																Data3															
Data4_1								Data4_2								Data4_3								Data4_4							
Data4_5								Data4_6								Data4_7								Data4_8							

**Data1 (4 bytes):** The first 4 bytes of the **UUID**. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data2 (2 bytes):** The 5th and 6th bytes of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data3 (2 bytes):** The 7th and 8th bytes of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data4\_1 (1 byte):** The 9th byte of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data4\_2 (1 byte):** The 10th byte of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data4\_3 (1 byte):** The 11th byte of the UUID. For more information see [RFC4122].

**Data4\_4 (1 byte):** The 12th byte of the UUID. For more information see [RFC4122].

**Data4\_5 (1 byte):** The 13th byte of the UUID. For more information see [RFC4122].

**Data4\_6 (1 byte):** The 14th byte of the UUID. For more information see [RFC4122].

**Data4\_7 (1 byte):** The 15th byte of the UUID. For more information see [RFC4122].

**Data4\_8 (1 byte):** The 16th byte of the UUID. For more information see [RFC4122].

This record MUST be interpreted as the characters representing the UUID prefixed by the characters "urn:uuid:". The characters in the UUID MUST use lowercase. For example, if Data1 = 0x33221100, Data2 = 0x5544, Data3 = 0x7766, and Data4 = { 0x88, 0x99, 0xaa, 0xbb, 0xcc, 0xdd, 0xee, 0xff }, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
urn:uuid:33221100-5544-7766-8899-aabbccddeeff
```

### 2.2.3.23 TimeSpanText Record (0xAE)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Value																															
...																															

**Value (8 bytes):** A 64-bit signed integer value that specifies a duration in 100 nanosecond units. The values range from -10675199 days, 2 hours, 48 minutes, and 05.4775808 seconds to 10675199 days, 2 hours, 48 minutes, and 05.4775807 seconds.

This structure MUST be interpreted as representing the characters formed by converting the value as follows:

If the day part is non-zero and the fraction of a second part is zero, then the time MUST be interpreted as the following characters.

```
DDDDDDDD.HH:mm:ss
```

Otherwise, if the day part is non-zero and the fraction of a second part is non-zero, the time MUST be interpreted as the following characters.

```
DDDDDDDD.HH:mm:ss.ffffff
```

Otherwise, if the day part is zero and the fraction of a second part is zero, then the time MUST be interpreted as the following characters.

```
HH:mm:ss
```

Otherwise, the time MUST be interpreted as the following characters.

HH:mm:ss.fffffff

where:

- DDDDDDDD is up to eight digits representing the number of days.
- HH is the two-digit representation of the hour of the day starting at "00".
- mm is the two-digit representation of the minute of the hour starting at "00".
- ss is the two-digit representation of the second of the hour starting at "00".
- fffffff is up to seven digits representing the fraction of the second. There MUST be no trailing zeros.

All other characters are included as shown.

### 2.2.3.24 UuidText Record (0xB0)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Data1																															
Data2																Data3															
Data4_1								Data4_2								Data4_3								Data4_4							
Data4_5								Data4_6								Data4_7								Data4_8							

**Data1 (4 bytes):** The first 4 bytes of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data2 (2 bytes):** The first 5th and 6th bytes of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data3 (2 bytes):** The first 7th and 8th bytes of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data4\_1 (1 byte):** The 9th byte of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data4\_2 (1 byte):** The 10th byte of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data4\_3 (1 byte):** The 11th byte of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data4\_4 (1 byte):** The 12th byte of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data4\_5 (1 byte):** The 13th byte of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data4\_6 (1 byte):** The 14th byte of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data4\_7 (1 byte):** The 15th byte of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

**Data4\_8 (1 byte):** The 16th byte of the UUID. For more information see [\[RFC4122\]](#).

This record MUST be interpreted as the characters representing the UUID. The characters in the UUID MUST use lowercase. For example, if Data1 = 0x33221100, Data2 = 0x5544, Data3 = 0x7766, and



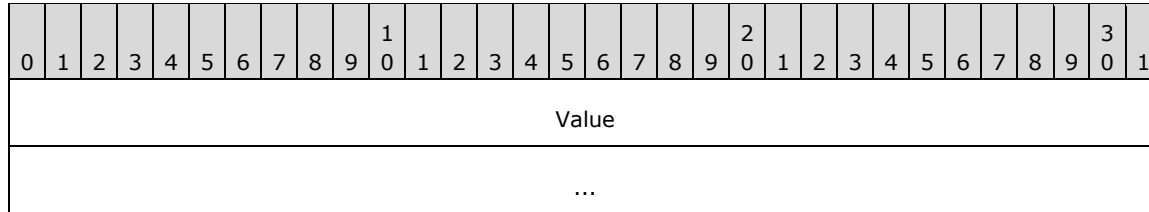
Data4 = { 0x88, 0x99, 0xaa, 0xbb, 0xcc, 0xdd, 0xee, 0xff }, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
33221100-5544-7766-8899-aabbccddeeff
```

Note that this record differs from the UniqueIdText record only by the absence of the characters "urn:uuid:".

### 2.2.3.25 UInt64Text Record (0xB2)

This structure represents attribute or element content.



**Value (8 bytes):** The unsigned 64-bit integer value.

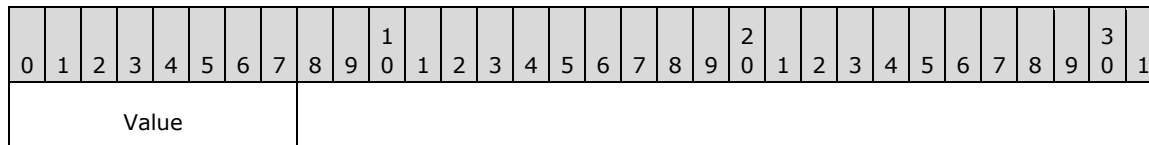
This structure MUST be interpreted as representing the characters formed by converting the value to base 10. There MUST NOT be any leading zeroes or decimal point.

For example, if value is 0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF, this is interpreted as the following characters.

```
18446744073709551615
```

### 2.2.3.26 BoolText Record (0xB4)

This structure represents attribute or element content.



**Value (1 byte):** The Boolean value. This value MUST be 0 or 1.

If the value is 0, this record MUST be interpreted as the following characters.

```
false
```

If value is 1, this record MUST be interpreted as the following characters.

```
true
```

### 2.2.3.27 UnicodeChars8Text Record (0xB6)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Length										Bytes (variable)																					
...																															

**Length (1 byte):** The length in bytes of the UTF-16 [\[RFC2781\]](#)-encoded string.

**Bytes (variable):** The string encoded as UTF-16 [\[RFC2781\]](#) bytes.

For example, if the length is 6 and bytes = { 0x41, 0x00, 0x42, 0x00, 0x43, 0x00 }, this record is interpreted as the following characters.

abc

See [Chars8Text Record](#) for notes on escaping of characters.

### 2.2.3.28 UnicodeChars16Text Record (0xB8)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Length										Bytes (variable)																					
...																															

**Length (2 bytes):** The length in bytes of the UTF-16 [\[RFC2781\]](#) encoded string.

**Bytes (variable):** The string encoded as UTF-16 [\[RFC2781\]](#) bytes.

See [UnicodeChars8Text Record](#) for examples.

### 2.2.3.29 UnicodeChars32TextRecord(0xBA)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Length (variable)																															
...																															
Bytes (variable)																															
...																															

**Length (variable):** This is the length in bytes of the string when encoded in UTF-16, as specified in [\[RFC2781\]](#), and MUST be encoded using MultiByteInt31.

**Bytes (variable):** The string encoded as UTF-16 [RFC2781] bytes.

See [UnicodeChars8Text Record](#) for examples.

### 2.2.3.30 QNameDictionaryTextRecord(0xBC)

This structure represents attribute or element content.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1
Prefix										Name																					

**Prefix (1 byte):** A value from 0 to 25 inclusive, indicating a single lowercase prefix character.

**Name (3 bytes):** The name encoded as a DictionaryString.

For example, if prefix is 1 and name refers to the string "name", this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
b:name
```

### 2.2.3.31 \*TextWithEndElement Records

These records are a simple optimization intended to reduce the size of the document.

XML of the form

```
<value>123</value>
```

can be represented by three records in the following format.

```
ShortElement (name="value")  
Chars8Text (value="123")  
EndElement
```

By marking the Text record to indicate that an EndElement follows, the number of records can be reduced.

```
ShortElement (name="value")  
Chars8TextWithEndElement (value="123")
```

Any record with the name in the form \*TextWithEndElement MUST be interpreted as a sequence of two records: A \*Text record followed by an EndElement record.

For example, the Int32TextWithEndElement record is interpreted as an Int32TextRecord followed by an EndElement record and must behave identically.

These records MUST NOT be used inside Attribute records.

## 2.3 Miscellaneous Records

This section lists the few remaining records that are not element, attribute, or text records.

### 2.3.1 EndElement Record (0x01)

This structure represents an end element. There are no additional fields for this record beyond the record type.

This record **MUST** be interpreted as the end element of the most recent open element and there **MUST** exist such an element. For example, if the most recent element record corresponded to the following start element

```
<ENV:envelope>
```

then this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
</ENV:envelope>
```

Additionally, this record **MUST** be interpreted as closing the most recently open element.

### 2.3.2 Comment Record (0x02)

This structure represents a comment.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Value (variable)																															
...																															

**Value (variable):** The text of the comment encoded using String.

For example, if the value field represents the string "comment", this record is interpreted as the following characters.

```
<!--comment-->
```

### 2.3.3 Array Record (0x03)

This structure represents a series of repeating elements.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Element (variable)																															
...																															
End Element										Record Type										Length (variable)											

...
Data (variable)
...

**Element (variable):** An Element record.

**End Element (1 byte):** An EndElement record.

**Record Type (1 byte):** The record type of the element content. This MUST be one of the values in the following table.

**Length (variable):** The number of elements, encoded with MultiByteInt31. This MUST not be zero.

**Data (variable):** The values for the elements, encoded according to RecordType.

The size of Data is the Length multiplied by the size of the RecordType according to the following table.

RecordType	Record	DataSize
0xB5	BoolTextWithEndElement	1
0x8B	Int16TextWithEndElement	2
0x8D	Int32TextWithEndElement	4
0x8F	Int64TextWithEndElement	8
0x91	FloatTextWithEndElement	4
0x93	DoubleTextWithEndElement	8
0x95	DecimalTextWithEndElement	16
0x97	DateTimeTextWithEndElement	8
0xAF	TimeSpanTextWithEndElement	8
0XB1	UuidTextWithEndElement	16

This record MUST be interpreted as the characters resulting from expanding this record into a series of records where the Element record is repeated for each value.

For example, if the Element and Attribute records expand to the following

```
<item xmlns='http://tempuri.org'>
```

and RecordType is Int32TextWithEndElement, and Length = 3, and Values = { 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x02, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00 }, this is interpreted as the following characters.

```
<item xmlns='http://tempuri.org'>1</item>
<item xmlns='http://tempuri.org'>2</item>
<item xmlns='http://tempuri.org'>3</item>
```

Since Length is 3 and the size of Int32TextWithEndElement is 4 according to the table, the size of Data is 12.. Values consist of 3 integer values, each encoded in 4 bytes as demanded by Int32TextWithEndElement. (As discussed in section [2.2.3.31](#), this MUST be interpreted as Int32Text followed by EndElement.)

Note that there is no carriage return or line feed included here, and the line break shown is for readability only.

### 3 Structure Examples

The following table provides an example of almost every record type and shows the characters that they MUST be interpreted as.

The record column shows each of the record types. The Type column shows the value of the record type, which is taken from Table 1. The Bytes column show a complete XML document encoded in this format that highlights the use of the record type. Because the record type is not always first, its location in the sequence of bytes is highlighted. The Chars column shows the same data from the Bytes column, formatted as characters. The final column, Characters represented, shows the XML that bytes MUST be interpreted as.

**Note** Records that refer to strings outside the document are shown as "strXXX" where XXX is the integer value.

Record	Type (hex)	Bytes (hex)	Chars	Characters represented
EndElement	01	40 03 64 6F 63 01	@.doc.	<doc></doc>
Comment	02	02 07 63 6F 6D 6D 65 6E 74	..comment	<!--comment-->
Array	03	03 40 03 61 72 72 01 8B 03 33 33 88 88 DD DD	.@.arr... 33..YY	<arr>13107</arr> <arr>-30584</arr> <arr>-8739</arr>
ShortAttribute	04	40 03 64 6F 63 04 04 61 74 74 72 84 01	@.doc..attr..	<doc attr="false"> </doc>
Attribute	05	40 03 64 6F 63 09 03 70 72 65 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 05 03 70 72 65 04 61 74 74 72 84 01	@.doc..pre.http://abc..pre. attr..	<doc xmlns: pre="http://abc " pre:attr="false"> </doc>
ShortDictionary Attribute	06	40 03 64 6F 63 06 08 86 01	@.doc....	<doc str8="true"> </doc>
DictionaryAttribute	07	40 03 64 6F 63 09 03 70 72 65 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 07 03 70 72 65 00 86 01	@.doc..pre.http://abc.. pre...	<doc xmlns:pre= "http://abc" p re:str0="true"> </doc>
ShortXmlnsAttribute	08	40 03 64 6F 63 08 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 01	@.doc..http://abc.	<doc xmlns="http: //abc"> </doc>
XmlnsAttribute	09	40 03 64 6F 63 09 01 70 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 01	@.doc..p.http://abc.	<doc xmlns:p="http: //abc"> </doc>
ShortDictionaryXmlns	0A	40 03 64 6F 63	@.doc...	<doc xmlns="str4">

Record	Type (hex)	Bytes (hex)	Chars	Characters represented
Attribute		0A 04 01		</doc>
DictionaryXmlns Attribute	0B	40 03 64 6F 63 0B 01 70 04 01	@.doc..p..	<doc xmlns:p="str4"> </doc>
PrefixDictionary AttributeF	11	40 03 64 6F 63 09 01 66 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 11 0B 98 05 68 65 6C 6C 6F 01	@.doc..f. http://abc ....hello.	<doc xmlns:f="http: //abc" f:str11="hello"> </doc>
PrefixDictionary AttributeX	23	40 03 64 6F 63 09 01 78 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 23 15 98 05 77 6F 72 6C 64 01	@.doc..x .http://abc# ...world.	<doc xmlns:x="http://abc " x:str21="world"></doc>
PrefixAttributeK	30	40 03 64 6F 63 09 01 6B 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 30 04 61 74 74 72 86 01	@.doc.. k.http:// abc0.attr..	<doc xmlns:k= "http://abc" k:attr="true"></doc>
PrefixAttributeZ	3F	40 03 64 6F 63 09 01 7A 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 3F 03 61 62 63 98 03 78 79 7A 01	@.doc..z .http://abc? .abc..xyz.	<doc xmlns:z= "http://abc" z:abc= "xyz"> </doc>
ShortElement	40	40 03 64 6F 63 01	@.doc.	<doc></doc>
Element	41	41 03 70 72 65 03 64 6F 63 09 03 70 72 65 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 01	A.pre.doc ..pre.http: //abc.	<pre:doc xmlns:pre= "http://abc"> </pre:doc>
ShortDictionary Element	42	42 0E 01	B..	<str14></str14>
DictionaryElement	43	43 03 70 72 65 0E 09 03 70 72 65 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 01	C.pre...pre. http://abc.	<pre:str14 xml ns:pre="http: //abc"></pre:str14>
PrefixDictionary ElementA	44	44 0A 09 01 61 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 01	D...a.http:// abc.	<a:str10 xmlns:a= "http://abc"> </a:str10>
PrefixDictionary ElementS	56	56 26 09 01 73 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 01	V&..s.http: //abc.	<s:str38 xmlns:s= "http://abc"> </s:str38>



Record	Type (hex)	Bytes (hex)	Chars	Characters represented
PrefixElementA	5E	5E 05 68 65 6C 6C 6F 09 01 61 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 01	^.hello..a. http://abc.	<a:hello xmlns:a= "http://abc"> </a:hello>
PrefixElementS	70	70 09 4D 79 4D 65 73 73 61 67 65 09 01 73 0A 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 61 62 63 01	p.MyMessage.. s.http://abc.	<s:MyMessage xmlns:s= "http://abc"> </s:MyMessage>
ZeroText	80	40 03 64 6F 63 06 A0 03 80 01	@.doc.ÿ...	<doc str416="0"> </doc>
ZeroTextWithEnd Element	81	40 03 61 62 63 81	@.abc.	<abc>0</abc>
OneText	82	40 03 64 6F 63 06 00 82 01	@.doc....	<doc str0="1"> </doc>
OneTextWithEnd Element	83	40 03 61 62 63 83	@.abc.	<abc>1</abc>
FalseText	84	40 03 64 6F 63 06 00 84 01	@.doc....	<doc str0="false"> </doc>
FalseTextWithEnd Element	85	40 03 61 62 63 85	@.abc.	<abc>>false</abc>
TrueText	86	40 03 64 6F 63 06 00 86 01	@.doc....	<doc str0="true"> </doc>
TrueTextWithEnd Element	87	40 03 61 62 63 87	@.abc.	<abc>>true</abc>
Int8Text	88	40 03 64 6F 63 06 EC 01 88 DE 01	@.doc.□.␣.	<doc str236="-34"> </doc>
Int8TextWithEnd Element	89	42 9A 01 89 7F	B....	<str154>127</str154>
Int16Text	8A	40 03 64 6F 63 06 EC 01 8A 00 80 01	@.doc.□.....	<doc str236="-32768"> </doc>
Int16TextWithEnd Element	8B	42 9A 01 8B FF 7F	B...~.	<str154>32767</str154>
Int32Text	8C	40 03 64 6F 63 06 EC 01 8C 15 CD 5B 07 01	@.doc.□...I[.	<doc str236="123456789"> </doc>
Int32TextWithEnd Element	8D	42 9A 01 8D FF FF FF 7F	B...~~~.	<str154>2147483647 </str154>

Record	Type (hex)	Bytes (hex)	Chars	Characters represented
Int64Text	8E	40 03 64 6F 63 06 EC 01 8E 00 00 00 80 00 00 00 00 01	@.doc.□.....	<doc str236="2147483648"> </doc>
Int64TextWithEnd Element	8F	42 9A 01 8F 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00	B.....	<str154>1099511627776 </str154>
FloatText	90	40 03 64 6F 63 04 01 61 90 CD CC 8C 3F 01	@.doc..a.II.?.	<doc a="1.1"></doc>
FloatTextWithEnd Element	91	40 05 50 72 69 63 65 91 CD CC 01 42	@.Price.II.B	<Price>32.45</Price>
DoubleText	92	40 03 64 6F 63 04 01 61 92 74 57 14 8B 0A BF 05 40 01	@.doc..a.tW...".@.	<doc a="2.71828182845905"> </doc>
DoubleTextWithEnd Element	93	40 02 50 49 93 11 2D 44 54 FB 21 09 40	@.PI..-DT-!.@	<PI>3.14159265358979 </PI>
DecimalText	94	40 03 64 6F 63 04 03 69 6E 74 94 00 00 06 00 00 00 00 00 80 2D 4E 00 00 00 00 00 01	@.doc..int..... .....-N .....	<doc int="5.123456"> </doc>
DecimalTextWithEnd Element	95	40 08 4D 61 78 56 61 6C 75 65 95 00 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF	@.MaxValue ..... .....	<MaxValue> 792281625142643375 93543950335 </MaxValue>
DateTimeText	96	40 03 64 6F 63 06 6E 96 FF 3F 37 F4 75 28 CA 2B 01	@.doc.n."?7" u(E+.	<doc str110= "9999-12- 31T23:59:59.9999999"> </doc>
DateTimeTextWithEnd Element	97	42 6C 97 00 40 8E F9 5B 47 C8 08	Bl..@.-[GE.	<str108> 2006-05-17T00:00:00 </str108>
Chars8Text	98	40 03 64 6F 63 98 05 68 65 6C 6C 6F 01	@.doc..hello.	<doc>hello</doc>
Chars8TextWithEnd Element	99	40 01 61 99 05 68 65 6C 6C 6F	@.a..hello	<a>hello</a>
Chars16Text	9A	40 03 64 6F 63 9A 05 00 68 65 6C 6C 6F 01	@.doc...hello.	<doc>hello</doc>
Chars16TextWithEnd	9B	40 01 61 9B 05	@.a...hello	<a>hello</a>

Record	Type (hex)	Bytes (hex)	Chars	Characters represented
Element		00 68 65 6C 6C 6F		
Chars32Text	9C	40 03 64 6F 63 9C 05 00 00 00 68 65 6C 6C 6F 01	@.doc.....hello.	<doc>hello</doc>
Chars32TextWithEndElement	9D	40 01 61 9D 05 00 00 00 68 65 6C 6C 6F	@.a.....hello	<a>hello</a>
Bytes8Text	9E	40 03 64 6F 63 9E 08 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 01	@.doc.....	<doc>AAECAwQFBgc=</doc>
Bytes8TextWithEndElement	9F	40 06 42 61 73 65 36 34 9F 08 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07	@.Base64.....	<Base64>AAECAwQFBgc=</Base64>
Bytes16Text	A0	40 03 64 6F 63 A0 08 00 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 01	@.docÿ.....	<doc>AAECAwQFBgc=</doc>
Bytes16TextWithEndElement	A1	40 06 42 61 73 65 36 34 A1 08 00 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07	@.Base64-.....	<Base64>AAECAwQFBgc=</Base64>
Bytes32Text	A2	40 03 64 6F 63 A2 08 00 00 00 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 01	@.doc>.....	<doc>AAECAwQFBgc=</doc>
Bytes32TextWithEndElement	A3	40 06 42 61 73 65 36 34 A3 08 00 00 00 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07	@.Base64œ.....	<Base64>AAECAwQFBgc=</Base64>
StartListText	A4	40 03 64 6F 63 04 01 61 A4 88 7B 98 05 68 65 6C 6C 6F 86 A6 01	@.doc..a.{..hello.Ý.	<doc a="123 hello true"></doc>
EndListText	A6	40 03 64 6F 63 04 01 61 A4 88 7B 98 05 68 65 6C 6C 6F 86 A6 01	@.doc..a.{..hello.Ý.	<doc a="123 hello true"></doc>
EmptyText	A8	40 03 64 6F 63 04 01 61 A8 01	@.doc..a".	<doc a=""></doc>
EmptyTextWithEndElement	A9	40 03 64 6F 63 A9	@.docc	<doc></doc>

Record	Type (hex)	Bytes (hex)	Chars	Characters represented
DictionaryText	AA	40 03 64 6F 63 04 02 6E 73 AA 38 01	@.doc..ns 8.	<doc ns="str56"> </doc>
DictionaryTextWithEndElement	AB	40 04 54 79 70 65 AB C4 01	@.Type@Ž.	<Type>str196</Type>
UniqueIdText	AC	40 03 64 6F 63 AC 00 11 22 33 44 55 66 77 88 99 AA BB CC DD EE FF 01	@.docª.."3DU fw.. ~IYŒ~.	<doc>urn:uuid: 33221100-5544- 7766-8899- aabbccddeeff </doc>
UniqueIdTextWithEndElement	AD	42 1A AD 00 11 22 33 44 55 66 77 88 99 AA BB CC DD EE FF	B.-.."3DUfw.. ~IYŒ~	<str26>urn:uuid: 33221100-5544- 7766-8899- aabbccddeeff </str26>
TimeSpanText	AE	40 03 64 6F 63 AE 00 C4 F5 32 FF FF FF FF 01	@.docr.Žo2~~~~.	<doc>-PT5M44S</doc>
TimeSpanTextWithEndElement	AF	42 94 07 AF 00 B0 8E F0 1B 00 00 00	B._.ø.d....	<str916>PT3H20M </str916>
UuidText	B0	40 03 64 6F 63 B0 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F 01	@.docø.... .....	<doc>03020100- 0504-0706-0809- 0a0b0c0d0e0f</doc>
UuidTextWithEndElement	B1	40 02 49 44 B1 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F	@.IDň..... .....	<ID>03020100- 0504-0706-0809- 0a0b0c0d0e0f </ID>
UInt64Text	B2	40 03 64 6F 63 B2 FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF 01	@.docý~~~~~.	<doc>18446744 073709551615 </doc>
UInt64TextWithEndElement	B3	42 9A 01 B3 FE FF FF FF FF FF FF	B..3_~~~~~	<str154>18446744 073709551614 </str154>
BoolText	B4	40 03 64 6F 63 B4 01 01	@.doc'..	<doc>>true</doc>
BoolTextWithEndElement	B5	03 40 03 61 72 72 01 B5 05 01 00 01 00 01	.@.arr.æ.....	<arr>>true</arr> <arr>>false</arr> <arr>true</arr> <arr>>false</arr> <arr>true</arr>

Record	Type (hex)	Bytes (hex)	Chars	Characters represented
UnicodeChars8Text	B6	40 03 64 6F 63 04 01 75 B6 06 75 00 6E 00 69 00 01	@.doc..u.u.n.i..	<doc u="uni"></doc>
UnicodeChars8Text WithEndElement	B7	40 01 55 B7 06 75 00 6E 00 69 00	@.Uú.u.n.i.	<U>uni</U>
UnicodeChars16Text	B8	40 03 64 6F 63 04 03 75 31 36 B8 08 00 75 00 6E 00 69 00 32 00 01	@.doc..u16,..u.n.i.2..	<doc u16="uni2"> </doc>
UnicodeChars16Text WithEndElement	B9	40 03 55 31 36 B9 08 00 75 00 6E 00 69 00 32 00	@.U161..u.n.i.2.	<U16>uni2</U16>
UnicodeChars32Text	BA	40 03 64 6F 63 04 03 75 33 32 BA 04 00 00 00 33 00 32 00 01	@.doc..u32§....3.2..	<doc u32="32"> </doc>
UnicodeChars32Text WithEndElement	BB	40 03 55 33 32 BB 04 00 00 00 33 00 32 00	@.U32¯....3.2.	<U32>32</U32>
QNameDictionaryText	BC	40 03 64 6F 63 06 F0 06 BC 08 8E 07 01	@.doc.d.¬....	<doc str880="i: str910"></doc>
QNameDictionaryText WithEndElement	BD	40 04 54 79 70 65 BD 12 90 07	@.Type«...	<Type>s:str912 </Type>

As described in section [2](#), the document is represented by the concatenation of the characters represented by the records. There MUST NOT be any additional characters inserted.

For example, if the document consists of the records

```
ShortElement(name="element", attributes={})
Int32Text(value=1234)
FalseText
EndElement
```

then the characters represented by these records MUST be interpreted as the following.

```
<element>1234false</element>
```

## 4 Security Considerations

Ultimately, this format simply represents a textual XML document. Implementations that process XML documents represented by this format should guard against the same kinds of threats that occur when processing equivalent, textually encoded XML documents.

In many records, the length of the data precedes the data itself. Implementations should avoid allocating memory based solely on the length in order to guard against malformed or malicious records.

## 5 Appendix A: Product Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following Microsoft products or supplemental software. References to product versions include released service packs.

This document specifies version-specific details in the Microsoft .NET Framework. The following versions of .NET Framework are available in the following released Windows product or as supplemental software, see **.NET Framework**.

- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0
- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.6

Exceptions, if any, are noted below. If a service pack or Quick Fix Engineering (QFE) number appears with the product version, behavior changed in that service pack or QFE. The new behavior also applies to subsequent service packs of the product unless otherwise specified. If a product edition appears with the product version, behavior is different in that product edition.

Unless otherwise specified, any statement of optional behavior in this specification that is prescribed using the terms SHOULD or SHOULD NOT implies product behavior in accordance with the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT prescription. Unless otherwise specified, the term MAY implies that the product does not follow the prescription.

## 6 Change Tracking

This section identifies changes that were made to this document since the last release. Changes are classified as New, Major, Minor, Editorial, or No change.

The revision class **New** means that a new document is being released.

The revision class **Major** means that the technical content in the document was significantly revised. Major changes affect protocol interoperability or implementation. Examples of major changes are:

- A document revision that incorporates changes to interoperability requirements or functionality.
- The removal of a document from the documentation set.

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Major and minor changes can be described further using the following change types:

- New content added.
- Content updated.
- Content removed.
- New product behavior note added.
- Product behavior note updated.
- Product behavior note removed.
- New protocol syntax added.
- Protocol syntax updated.
- Protocol syntax removed.
- New content added due to protocol revision.
- Content updated due to protocol revision.
- Content removed due to protocol revision.
- New protocol syntax added due to protocol revision.
- Protocol syntax updated due to protocol revision.
- Protocol syntax removed due to protocol revision.
- Obsolete document removed.

Editorial changes are always classified with the change type **Editorially updated**.

Some important terms used in the change type descriptions are defined as follows:



- **Protocol syntax** refers to data elements (such as packets, structures, enumerations, and methods) as well as interfaces.
- **Protocol revision** refers to changes made to a protocol that affect the bits that are sent over the wire.

The changes made to this document are listed in the following table. For more information, please contact [dochelp@microsoft.com](mailto:dochelp@microsoft.com).

Section	Tracking number (if applicable) and description	Major change (Y or N)	Change type
<a href="#">5</a> Appendix A: Product Behavior	Added .NET Framework 4.6 to the applicability list.	Y	Content update.

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